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Sir:

In connection with the Office Action mailed August 24, 2005 in the above-entitled application, Applicant respectfully requests a two (2) month extension in which to file a response, from November 24, 2005 to January 24, 2006.

The \$450.00 fee required by 37 C.F.R. § 1.17 is submitted herewith. Also, please provide any further extensions of time which may be necessary and charge any fees which may be due to Deposit Account No. 13-0014, but not to include any payment of issue fees.

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